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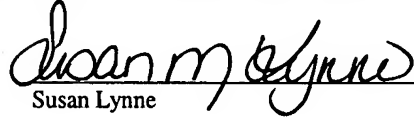
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the following references were cited in an International Search Report dated February 26, 2004: US 2,261,411A; US 1,485,891A; US 1,899,392A; PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, vol. 1999, no. 12, 29 October 1999 and JP 11 197081; US 2,284,324A; DE 20111178U; US 2,280,556A; US 3,111,700A; US 4,031,673A; WO 94/15520A; EP 0629374A; and DE 10142084C. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. An English translation of the listed foreign references is enclosed pursuant to MPEP §609(A)3.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)): EP 0629374 and WO 94/15520 are relevant because they are cited as "X" references in the International Search Report. DE 10142084 is relevant because it was cited as an "E" reference in the International Search Report. DE 20111178 is relevant because it was cited as an "A" reference in the International Search Report.

English abstracts are provided for PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, vol. 1999, no. 12, 29 October 1999 and JP 11 197081; DE 20111178U; WO 94/15520A; EP 0629374A; and DE 10142084C.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	US 2,261,411 A	11/04/1941	Rees			
	US 1,485,891 A	03/04/1924	Sibley			
	US 1,899,392 A	02/28/1933	Larkin Specialty Manufacturing Co			
	US 2,824,324 A	02/25/1958	Ballbach			
	US 2,280,556 A	04/21/1942	Stromgren			
	US 3,111,700 A	11/26/1963	The Drackett Company			
	US 4,031,673 A	06/28/1977	Bengt Petersson New Products Investment AB			

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	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN Bd. 1999, Nr. 12 & JP 11 197081	10/29/1999	Japan			Abstract	
	DE 20111178 U	09/27/2001	Germany			Abstract and Claims	
	WO 94/15520 A	07/21/1994	PCT			Abstract	
	EP 0629374 A	12/21/1994	EPO			Abstract	
	DE 10142084 C	07/10/2003	Germany			Abstract	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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